

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FOWLKES, et al. )  
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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.115

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

S i r :

In response to the office action mailed November 29, 1999,  
please enter the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 21 and 23.

In claim 22, replace "21" with --31--.

In claims 25-27, replace "21" with --31--.

Please add the following new claims:

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--31. A structured panel consisting of a plurality of  
biased combinatorial linear peptide libraries, each library  
having one and only one constant residue at a position fixed for  
all peptides in all libraries of said panel, wherein, in each  
library, said fixed position is (a) at least five residues from  
both ends of the peptides or (b) within the middle 50% of the  
peptides, and

wherein the amino acid is assigned to said fixed position  
is not the same in all libraries of said panel,  
each library being a separately screenable and physically  
distinct entity from all other libraries of the panel.

32. A structured panel of biased combinatorial linear  
peptide libraries, each library comprising a plurality of